Development of Non-Conventional Energy Generation

4799. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wind non-conventional energy generation reached the saturation point in some States;

(b) if so, the names of the States;

(c) whether it is a fact that inventives like 25 per cent subsidy and five years exemption from income-tax for the generation of non-conventional energy is not extended to new entrepreneurs who are in this field; and

(d) whether Government would consider extending the same type of concession for some more years to increase the generation of non-conventional energy in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. No direct subsidy is provided by the Government for commercial wind power project. Any industrial undertaking which is set up in any part of India for generation of power at any time during the period beginning 1st April, 1993 and ending on 31st March, 2003, is entitled to a two tier fiscal benefit which includes tax holiday for five years. Thus, a new undertaking set up before 31st March, 2003 can avail of these benefits.

(d) The Government considers such proposals periodically, at the time of the annual budgetary exercise.

Action Plan for Non-Conventional Energy Resources

4800. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared an action plan to explore the non-conventional energy resources of the country;

(b) if so, the potential for non-conventional energy in the country; and

(c) what is the observation of the study report?